Appendix A - Nine Mile Portage Interpretive Element Concept for Memorial Square

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"Water Paddle"

FRONT

Concept

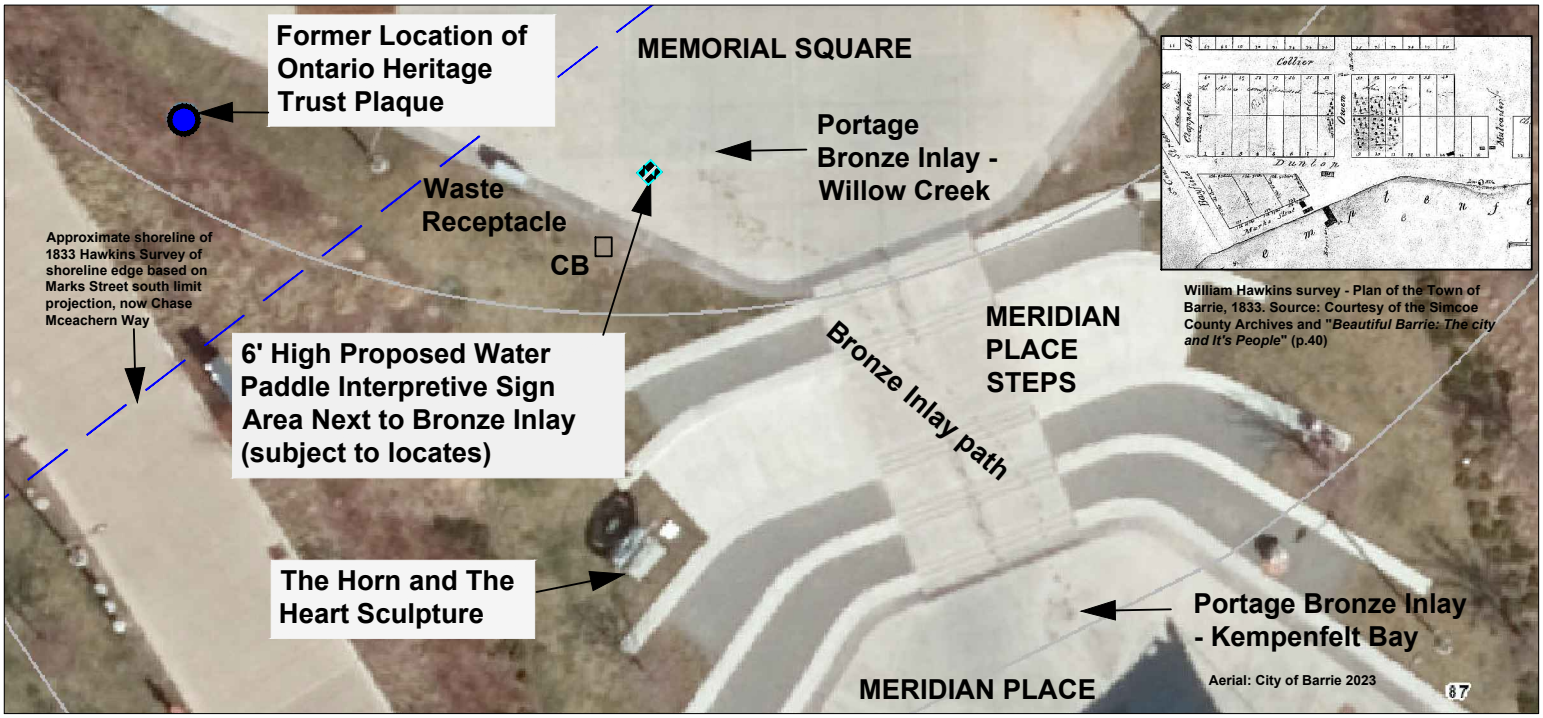
The 6' high brushed-metal slim vertical sign is shaped on top to reference a traditional "Beaver Tail" paddle tip, while twisting at bottom to simulate water flow around the paddle and into the land. The colour speaks to the existing sleek design aesthetic of the square and seeks to compliment the existing sculptural and historic elements. The material is reflective to capture light referencing water.

Front Face (Memorial Sq.): Images, Text, Maps, Branding and Digital Linkages. Optional uplighting.

Back Face (Turf) : Sign Title

BACK

Memorial Square/ Meridian Place Placement


Former Location of Ontario Heritage Trust Plaque
MEMORIAL SQUARE
Portage Bronze Inlay - Willow Creek
Waste Receptacle
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Approximate shoreline of 1833 Hawkins Survey of shoreline edge based on Marks Street south limit projection, now Chase Mceachern Way
6' High Proposed Water Paddle Interpretive Sign Area Next to Bronze Inlay (subject to locates)
Bronze Inlay path
MERIDIAN PLACE STEPS
The Horn and The Heart Sculpture
Portage Bronze Inlay - Kempenfelt Bay
MERIDIAN PLACE
Aerial: City of Barrie 2023

William Hawkins survey - Plan of the Town of Barrie, 1833. Source: Courtesy of the Simcoe County Archives and "*Beautiful Barrie: The city and It's People*" (p.40)